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ITEM NO: 5

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SUBJECT: HANDLING OF BERLIN OFFICE ISSUE

FRG PRESIDENT SCHEEL IS EXPECTED TO SIGN ON MONDAY THE BILL PROVIDING FOR THE OPENING OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. TODAY, THE EAST GERMAN PARTY NEWSPAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AGAIN BLASTED SUCH A MOVE, BUT REMAINED CAUTIOUS AS TO WHAT STEPS, IF ANY, THE GDR WOULD TAKE IN RESPONSE.

TOLD THE US MISSION IN WEST BERLIN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, WHILE MAINTAINING PUBLIC PRESSURE, WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN ANY "STUPIDITIES" IN PURSUING THE MATTER. THE WEST GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE IN EAST BERLIN BELIEVES THE GDR MAY ANNOUNCE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN AS A RESPONSE TO SCHEEL'S SIGNATURE. THERE ARE CONFLICTING

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AND ON WHETHER ANY BROADER MEASURES MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED.

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